

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR §1.8 Date of Deposit: November 30, 2009

I, Jan Jones, hereby certify that this paper (along with any papers and fees referred to as being attached or enclosed or actually enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope, with sufficient postage, on the date indicated above, addressed

Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Signature of person mailing paper

In re Application of:

Donald J. Merkley et al.

Application No.:

09/970,389

Filing Date:

October 2, 2001

Group Art Unit:

1791

Examiner:

Mark Halpern

Confirmation No.:

9683

For:

Method and Apparatus for Reducing Impurities in Cellulose

Fibers for Manufacture of Fiber Reinforced Cement

Composite Materials

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

• Postcard acknowledgment of receipt of papers by the Patent Office;

- This Transmittal Letter (3 pgs);
- Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136 to Respond to Office Action Mailed May 29, 2009 (2 pgs);
- Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (37 CFR §1.114) (Form PTO/SB/30) (1 pg);
- Amendment Pursuant to Request for Continued Examination (18 pgs)
- Exhibit A (4 pgs);
- Credit Card (Form PTO-2038) authorizing payment for RCE fees (1 pg); and
- Credit Card (Form PTO-2038) authorizing payment for extension of time fees (1 pg).
  Please stamp and return the enclosed postcard.

Enclosed is Credit Card (Form PTO-2038) authorizing payment in the amount of \$810.00 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e). Also enclosed is Credit Card (Form PTO-2038) authorizing payment in the amount of \$1,110.00 for the extension fees under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)). No additional fees and no claims fees are believed to be due at this time. To the extent that any further fees, whatsoever, are required at any time during prosecution of this application, including petition and extension fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including any under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 07-0153 and reference Attorney Docket No. 129843-1022. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

Please direct all correspondence to the practitioner listed below at  $\underline{\text{Customer No.}}$  60148.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique A. Vander Molen Registration No. 53,716

Dated: November 30, 2009